

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Friday, December 16, 2011 through Monday, January 23, 2012, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Kevin McNulty, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Richard B. Berner, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, for a term of six years.

Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to India.

16 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Richard Sorian, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011. Page S8743

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8743.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 3696–3726; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 94–95; and H. Con. Res. were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H9928

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H9799

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1892, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 939 and

Pages H9801–10, H9821–22

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2011: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2867, to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998. Pages H9810–12

Suspension:—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on December 14th:

Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act of 2011: S. 278, amended, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 413 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 940. Pages H9822–23

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, by a yea-and-nay vote of 296 yeas to 121 nays, Roll No. 941.

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H. Res. 500, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2055), the bill (H.R. 3672), and the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 94), was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 252 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 938, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 239 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 937.

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Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3672: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 94, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3672, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 255 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 942.

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Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2012: The House passed H.R. 3672, making appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 351 yeas to 67 nays, Roll No. 943.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our Nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families.

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Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 94, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012.

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Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 95, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 19th.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9821 and H9914.

Senate Referrals: S. 1612 was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and Energy and Commerce and S. 2009 was referred to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, and Education and the Workforce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9820, H9821, H9821–22, H9822–23, H9905, H9906 and H9907. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHANGING ENERGY MARKETS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Changing Energy Markets and Their Geopolitical Implications.” Testimony was heard from Neelesh Nerurkar, Specialist in Energy Policy, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup of H. Res. 496, adjusting the amount provided for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress. The resolution was ordered reported without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee continued markup of H.R. 3261, the “Stop Online Piracy Act.”

WHAT THE EURO CRISIS MEANS FOR TAXPAYERS AND THE U.S. ECONOMY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled “What the Euro Crisis Means for Taxpayers and the U.S. Economy, Pt. II.” Testimony was heard from Steven B. Kamin, Acting Director, Division of International Finance, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Mark Sobel, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Monetary and Financial Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.